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SUBJECT: MORNING TRAVELING PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 6

NO. 18

NEWSPAPERS

WASHPOST - NO OBERDORFER BY-LINER TODAY.

NEW YORK TIMES -- BERNIE GWERTZMAN FROM AMMAN

LEAD: "VANCE BROUGHT HIS ME MISSION TO JORDAN TODAY, STILL
PUBLICLY HOLDING OUT THE HOPE THAT A GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE
COULD EVENTUALLY BE CONVENED DESPITE THE APPARENT COLLAPSE
OF THE IDEA OF A PRELIMINARY MEETING OF ARAB & ISRAELI FMS.

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-- VANCE REAFFIRMED HIS GOAL OF FINDING CONSENSUS FOR
GENEVA & REPORTERS ON PLANE FELT REMARKS PARTLY DIRECTED AT
THEM, SINCE THEY WERE REPORTING LITTLE PROGRESS IN THE
MISSION.

-- VANCE GAVE NO DETAILS ON US PROPOSALS & SUGGESTIONS
BEING DISCUSSED WITH ARAB LEADERS; AIDE SAID THEY HAD SOME

NEW ASPECTS BUT DID NOT "AMOUNT TO RABBIT BEING PULLED OUT OF HAT."

-- VANCE ENCOUNTERING SOME DIFFERENCES & SOME POSITIVE -
FEEDBACK, BUT WON'T KNOW PROSPECTS FOR GENEVA MEETING THIS
YEAR UNTIL END OF TRIP, IF THEN.

-- REPORTERS ON TRIP SEE NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE IDEA OF
EARLY GENEVA CONF; VANCE'S AIDES PRIVATELY CONCEDE PRES
CARTER'S PREDICTION OF CONF AS EARLY AS OCTOBER WAS
UNFOUNDED.

BALTSUN -- HENRY TREWHITT FROM AMMAN

ANALYSIS PIECE: VANCE ARRIVED IN JORDAN TO SAVAGE EDITORI-
AL CRITICISM OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY, THEY FEEL FAVORS
ISRAEL. IN DAMASCUS, ASSAD SEEMINGLY REJECTED VANCE'S
PROPOSAL OF WORKING GROUP WITHOUT PLO, YET PRIVATELY
ASSAD WAS SAID TO HAVE SHOWN SOME FLEXIBILITY. IN EGYPT,
SADAT APPEARED TO BACK-STEP, SAYING HE NEVER INTENDED TO
SACRIFICE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. ALL SEEMED TO LEAVE
IDEA OF WORKING GROUPS AS ABANDONED CHILD, INCLUDING VANCE
PARTY, WHO SAID IDEA WAS ONLY ONE OF MANY. AIDES SAID
MISSION GOING ABOUT AS EXPECTED, AND VANCE WILL ENCOUNTER
MORE BACKING & FILLING IN SAUDI ARABIA & ISRAEL.

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ON TOP OF ALL THIS, VANCE ACCOMPANIED BY "RAVENOUS PACK"
OF 18 REPORTERS WHO FEEL THEY NOT GETTING ENOUGH FROM
VANCE TO WRITE ABOUT. BUT VANCE MOVES THROUGH STORM
CALMLY & AMIABLY. HE SAYS TO MAKE PUBLIC HIS PROPOSALS
WOULD GUARANTEE REJECTION BY ONE SIDE OR OTHER.

IT'S NOW ALL BUT CERTAIN GENEVA WON'T RECONVENE BY OCTOBER
BUT US OFFS SAY IMPORTANT THING IS THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE
REOPENED BEFORE AREA EXPLODES AGAIN.

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UPI - JIM ANDERSON FROM AMMAN

LEAD: "VANCE, PERSISTING IN EFFORTS TO GET ME LEADERS TO
AGREE TO PRE-GENEVA PEACE TALKS IN US., BEGAN SECOND ROUND
OF TALKS TODAY WITH KING HUSSEIN."

OTHER POINTS:

-- JORDANIAN SOURCES SAID HUSSEIN WOULD STRESS THAT
PEACE POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL &

RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

-- WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL ALSO ON THE AGENDA.

-- VANCE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO AMMAN, CAMASCUS & ALEXANDRIA
FROM ISRAEL ON THURSDAY ON THE WAY TO LONDON, BREAKING
KISSINGERS RECORD OF 4 COUNTRIES IN ONE DAY.

AP - BARRY SCHWEID FROM AMMAN

LEAD:

PROSPECTS FOR A MIDEAST PEACE CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER
DIMMED TODAY AS VANCE HELD A SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH
KING HUSSEIN IN THIS JORDANIAN CAPITAL.

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OTHER POINTS:

-- SENIOR JORDANIAN OFFICIALS SAID WORKING GROUP PROPO-
SAL NOT EVEN MENTIONED IN SECOND-ROUND TALKS.

-- JORDAN INSISTS, IN ADVANCE OF GENEVA CONF, ISRAELI
AGREEMENT TO TOTAL WITHDRAWAL AND RECOGNITION OF PALESTIN-
IANS CLAIMS TO HOMELAND & COMPENSATION FOR ARABS WHO LEFT
ISRAEL SINCE '48.

REUTERS - ROY GUTMAN FROM AMMAN

LEAD: "JORDAN ASKED THE US TODAY TO AMEND ITS PROPO-
SALS ON THE MAIN POINTS OF A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT,
JORDANIAN OFFICIALS SAID. "

OTHER POINTS:

-- ALSO SAID GENEVA CONF COULD TAKE PLACE WITHOUT
PALESTINIAN REPS, BUT ISRAEL MUST FIRST RECOGNIZE
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS TO HOMELAND & WITHDRAW FROM TERRITORIES
OCCUPIED IN '67.

-- OFFICIALS SAID JORDAN DIDN'T REJECT VANCE PROPOSALS,
BUT "ASKED FOR AMENDMENTS." CHRISTOPHER

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